

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DUSSEL 00793 010936Z

43

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 IO-10

SAM-01 /079 W

----- 007880

R 010915Z JUL 75

FM AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2641

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION BERLIN

AMCONSUL BREMEN

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMCONSUL STUTTGART

UNCLAS DUSSELDORF 0793

BONN PASS POLADS HEIDELBERG AND RAMSTEIN

STUTTGART FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, GW

SUBJECT: GUILLAUME SPY TRIAL OPENED IN DUESSELDORF

1. SUMMARY: THE TRIAL AGAINST THE GDR AGENTS GUENTER (48) AND CHRISTA GUILLAUME (47) BEGAN ON JUNE 24, 1975 IN THE DUESSELDORF SUPREME STATE COURT. THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF CHANCELLOR WILLI BRANDT IN 1974. THE TRIAL WILL LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND WILL BE LARGELY SECRET. THE DEFENDENTS WERE IN GOOD SPIRITS, ANSWERED NO QUESTIONS AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, EXPECT TO BE EXCHANGED SOON WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN THE GDR. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TRIAL OF THE GUILLAUME COUPLE OPENED ON JUNE 24, 1975 IN A "BUG-PROOF" BASEMENT ROOM OF THE DUESSELDORF SUPREME COURT (ABOUT 100 METERS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL). THE GUILLAUMES  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DUSSEL 00793 010936Z

WERE CHARGED BY FEDERAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SIEGFRIED BUBACK

WITH HAVING PASSED ON "SECRETS OF THE STATE TO AGENTS OF A FOREIGN POWER." BOTH DEFENDENTS DECLINED TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR PERSONS OR THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

3. THE EXPOSURE OF GUENTER GUILLAUME, ALLEGED OFFICER IN THE GDR ARMY AND FORMER PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO EX-CHANCELLOR WILLI BRANDT, RESULTED IN BRANDT'S RESIGNATION IN APRIL 1974. DESPITE RUMOURS OF DIVORCE THE COUPLE CHATTED AMICABLY AND SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS.

4. AFTER THE FIRST DAYS OF THE TRIAL THE PUBLIC WILL BE GENERALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE STATE SECRETS WILL BE INVOLVED. ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT LEAKS AND DISTURBANCES; JOURNALISTS REQUIRE A SPECIAL ENTRY PERMIT AND ARE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED BEFORE BEING ADMITTED TO THE "BUG-PROOF" ROOM.

5. IN THE COURSE OF THE PROCEEDINGS EX-CHANCELLOR WILLI BRANDT, EX-MINISTER HORST EHMKE, FOREIGN MINISTER HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER (FORMERLY INTERIOR MINISTER) AND THE HEADS OF THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE (BND) AND COUNTER INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (BVS) ARE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY.

6. ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL THE GUILLAUMES MAINTAINED THEIR ATTITUDE OF AMUSED SILENCE WHILE WITNESSES WERE HEARD AND DOCUMENTS READ, ALL RELATING TO THE CAREER OF THE GUILLAUMES IN THE FRG, INCLUDING A LAUDATORY RECOMMENDATION OF DEFENSE MINISTER GEORG LEBER.HENNEMEYER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TRIALS, ESPIONAGE AGENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 JUL 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975DUSSEL00793  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750227-0877  
**From:** DUSSELDORF  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750792/aaaadevc.tel  
**Line Count:** 89  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ShawDG  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 MAR 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05 MAR 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <17 MAR 2004 by ShawDG>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GUILLAUME SPY TRIAL OPENED IN DUESSELDORF  
**TAGS:** PINS, GE, (BRANDT, WILLY), (GUILLAUME, GUENTER), (GUILLAUME, CHRISTA)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006